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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

I am appalled at the Justice Department's proposed settlement with Microsoft, which is nothing more than a disguised capitulation.

Microsoft's business practices are unrepentingly rapacious. Bill Gates will do anything to win, and his ambition to control is insatiable. Just today I found another small "incident" illustrating Microsoft's lack of ethics, in this story of how Microsoft employees attempted to rig the results of a website poll in Microsoft's favour:
<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/story/0,,t269-s2102244,00.html>

Clearly, half-measures will have no effect whatsoever in restraining Microsoft's illegal and unethical business practices. I urge you to take the strongest possible measures against this company.

My own preference would be to require that the corporation be split in two, with the operating system business in one company, and the application software in another. This solution would remove the incentive to monopolize, remove most of the company's means to bully competitors, and promote innovation by allowing smaller companies a chance to compete in the marketplace.

Sincerely,

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